

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>18 December 1956</u>	2. LOCATION <u>Wilmington, Delaware</u> <u>Newburgh, New York</u>	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> , Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1. 19/0025Z</u> GMT <u>2. 19/0030Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <u>Long Valley, New Jersey</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <u>3. <input type="checkbox"/> 19/0030Z</u> <u>X No</u>	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. <u>3-4 secs by one source</u> 2. <u>20-30 secs 2nd source</u> 2. <u>two seconds</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE 1. <u>SW to NE</u> 2. <u>NE</u>
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1) One symmetrical-shaped obj w/long streamer behind. Front of obj was colored brilliant bluish-green & rear greenish yellow to orange. Obj moved in straight path horizontal fm SW to NE. Obj broke into several smaller objs which disappeared suddenly. Obj was seen visually for 3-4 secs by one observer & 20-30 ses by a second. 2) One round yellow & green obj, size of dime at arm's length. Sparks noted. Flew fast in NE direction. Faded fm sight after 2 seconds.	11. COMMENTS Sighting probably caused by meteor. 3) Brilliant obj observed thru car windshield for 15 seconds. Brilliant silver w/tail like trail. Fishey yellow leading obj. No snd. Thought to be many miles away.	

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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Dec. 22, 1956

Project Bluebook?

Tuesday, Dec. 18th; (1956), I was driving from Long Valley, N.J. to Hackettstown, N.J. on Route 24, headed north-west; time about 7:30 P.M., location my car several hundred feet beyond Tennessee Auction place, on a straight stretch of road, with no on-coming or passing traffic; when a very large, extremely brilliant flying object entered my field of vision, $\frac{1}{4}$ down from the top of my windshield, for about 15 seconds, passing across $\frac{3}{4}$ of the width of my windshield until I lost sight of it behind my rear-view mirror; and, on my next glance from road to sky it was out of sight. My wife, sitting on my right, says it passed the entire width of the windshield, then disappeared. It flew left to right, across the road, that is

West to East.

The sky was clear, no cloud or haze obstructed my view. The distance from me must have been a good many miles, perhaps as much as 20 miles, for the outline was sharp and clear. I could not see any structural details. What I saw was a head glaring fiery yellow curved shape at the front followed by brilliant silver tapering to what looked like a tail-like exhaust at the rear of darker hue, reddish yellow like some sunset colors, and a head jewel-like brilliance to the entire object, but without any variation in color intensity, no sparkle, flicker or fade. The outline of the whole was regular, no detached particles, no luminous trail, no lighting up of the surrounding sky and flight was horizontal and steady. It did not streak thru the sky. It was steady rapid flight of a large object a long ways away.

The sight was so eye-compelling that I judge it must have been seen by hundreds of people, as it was low enough on the horizon to attract attention, even of any driver of a car traveling towards its line of flight. If this object →



was circular, then the tail or exhaust would be about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total length. No resemblance at all to anything I have seen in the sky before. No relation to a falling star or anything of that nature I have ever seen. No sound heard. General proportions as per diagram.

I was in no position to hold up a hand or finger at same length to sight with one eye; but reconstructing in daylight after the event, would judge

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that a stick $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide held vertically
at arms length, sighting with the right
eye would cover the length of the object.

Will you please tell me what this
object was and give me your calcu-
lation of its size? I am sure you
will receive numerous reports from sources
other than myself

Very truly yours,

Make of car driven De Soto 1954 four door
Sedan V8, Color Black.

Age of writer: 55 years

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Multi:

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UPH116 UPP-51 YDB 46 TYA 41 TIE 37 JRA 125

21 DEC 56 09 03

RJEDEN RJEPHQ RJEDMP RJEPNY

BT RJEPJR SIC

H 202 46Z

FM 82 FT MCP NEW CASTLE CO AB WILM DEL

TO RJEDEN: COMDR ADC KNT AFB COLO SPRING COLO

RJEPNY/COMDR 26TH ADIV ROCLIN NY

RJEDMP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CTR WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

OHIO

RJEPHQ/COMDR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH 25 D.C.

BT

(UNCLAS) SPOT 12-4591. SUBJECT: UFCD.

(1) (-) SYMMETRICAL (oval) IN FRONT WITH LONG STREAMER BEHIND.

(?) BASKETBALL.

(C) FRONT-BRILLIANT BILISH GREEN, REAR -GREENISH YELLOW TO ORANGE

(D) CINI

(E) UNKNOWN

(G) TRAIL OR TAIL

(H) NONE

(I) NONE

INFORMATION
ACTION INFORMATION
ADD. INFORMATION

1} 4E4 ATR 03:28

34x2a

(W)

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- (2) (A) BRILLIANCE, SUDDEN APPEARANCE
- (B) 4 DEGREES, 15-2 DEGREES LEFT OF NORTH.
- (C) 5 DEGREES, 15-2 DEGREES RIGHT OF NORTH.
- (D) MOVED IN STRAIGHT LINE HORIZONTAL TO GROUND FROM SW TO NE. GREAT.
- (E) BROKE UP INTO SEVERAL SMALLER OBJECT WHICH DISAPPEARED SUDDENLY.

(F) 3 TO 4 SECONDS BY ONE OBSERVER AND 2 TO 3 SECONDS BY OTHER

- (G) (A) GROUND - VISUAL
- (B) BINOCULARS USED BY ONE OBSERVER 7X50.

(H) N/A

(I) KM 0025 ZULU 19 DEC 1956

(J) NIGHT

(K) OBSERVER NUMBER ONE - CAA CONTROL TOWER, NEW CASTLE COUNTY AIRPORT WILMINGTON DELAWARE

OBSERVER NUMBER TWO - ONE MILE SOUTH OF WEST CHESTER, PA.
ON "FIVE POINT ROAD".

(L) (A) OBSERVER NUMBER ONE - [REDACTED] 4, CAA CONTROL
[REDACTED], WILMINGTON 4, DEL., AIRPORT TRAFFIC
CONTROLLER.

OBSERVER NUMBER TWO - [REDACTED] 32, RD 3 WEST
CHESTER PA., SELF EMPLOYED FARM BUREAU.

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(7) (A) VERY GOOD

(B) SURFACE - ENE 8K

6,000 - 100 DEGREES 25K

15,000 - 30 DEGREES 5 K

16,000 - 250 DEGREES 3 K

22,000 - 310 DEGREES 35K

37,000 - 120 DEGREES 4 K

(C) CLEAR

(D) IS PLUS

(E) NONE

(F) NONE

(G) NONE

(H) N/A

(I) NONE

(11) GROUP OPERATIONS OFFICER. BELIEVE OBJECT TO HAVE
BEEN A LARGE MEDIUM.

(12) NONE.

BT

2/22 Z DHC RJEPJR

UFOB INDEX CARD

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Witness

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RE: RJEDEW/RJEDWP/RJEPHQ/RJEPNB

RE: RJEPNB SG

R 19 155Z ZEV

FM COMDR 643TH ACURON BENTON AFS BENTON PA

TO RJEDEW/COMDR ADC EMT AFB COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTEL GEN WPAFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASHDC

RJEPNB/COMDR DET 3 462ND AISS STEWART AFB NY

RJEPNB/COMDR FLT 3 462ND AISS STEWART AFB NY

INFO RJEPNB/COMDR EADP STEWART AFB NY

BT

/UNCLASSIFIED/ SUBJECT UFOR REPOR

(A) DESCRIPTION:

(A) ROUND

(B) DIME

(C) YELLOW AND GREEN

(D) ONE

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OPTIONAL FORM
MAY 1950
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

08:35

1} 4E4

2} 4X2Q

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left turn
gloved meteor
about 17⁰⁰' MPT

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- (A) NONE
- (B) NONE
- (C) NONE
- (D) NONE
- (E) NONE
- (F) NONE
- (G) NONE
- (H) NO SCRAMBLE ATTEMPTED OBJECT FADED TO QUICKLY
- (I) NONE
- (J) THE OBJECT WAS A METEOR IN MY OPINION, AS SEVERAL DISTANT SITES
Also described the object, which would lead me to believe the OBS:5

(2) NA

(F) SPARKS, ROUND LOOKED LIKE METEOR-PARALLEL TO EARTH

(C) TAIL

(C) NONE

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(C) MADE LEFT TURN AND TURNED GREEN

(C) DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

(A) FAST SPEED OF BRIGHT OBJECT GOING NORTHEAST

(B) NA

(C) NA

(D) MADE LEFT TURN APPEARED GREEN THEN FADED

(E) FADED FROM SIGHT

(F) 2 SECONDS

(G) MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(A) GROUND VISUAL

(C) NONE

(4) TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(A) 19/ 32 DEC 56

(C) NIGHT

(5) LOCATION OF OBSERVER (D) STUART AFB CONTROL TOWER

(6) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

(C) NA

(D) STAFF CHIEF PETE L. BRIGGS AF12204349 2 T1 AGO, RADAR, TOWER

OPEN, CHIEF CONTROLLER FOR 5 YEARS. RELIABLE

(7) WEATHER & WINDSJAALFT CONDITION AT TIME & PLACE OF SIGHTING.

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ROUTING	COORDINATION
AFOIN-4	
AFOIN-4X2b	
AFOIN-4X2c	Valley Brook Road Long Valley, New Jersey
AFOIN-4X3	Dear Mr. [REDACTED]
AFOIN-4X4	Thank you for your letter of 22 December 1956 together with your report of an unidentified flying object.
AFOIN-4A	Definite identification of your sighting has not been made to date; however, the information will be used in our continuing analysis.
AFOIN-4B	Inclosed is the U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet which we desire you fill out and return to the Air Technical In- telligence Center.
AFOIN-4C	You may be assured that your interest in this program is greatly appreciated.
AFOIN-4D	Sincerely,
AFOIN-4E	I Incl USAF Tech Info Sheet
AFOIN-4F	ROBERT E. O'CONNOR Captain, USAF Assistant Adjutant
OTHERS	

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